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H. R. 2840

To amend the Social Security Act to remove the limitation on the period of Medicare eligibility for disabled workers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2003

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. COOPER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. REYES, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. HOYER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Workers with Disabil-
5 ities Opportunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVING LIMITATION ON PERIOD OF MEDICARE**
2 **ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABLED WORKERS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The next to last sentence of sec-
4 tion 226(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 426(b))
5 is amended by striking “, but not in excess of 78 such
6 months”.

7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2003.

9 (c) **CONFORMING REPEAL.**—Section 202(c) of the
10 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of
11 1999 (Public Law 106–170; 113 Stat. 1894) is repealed.

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